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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR U.S. INSTRUCTORS FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

COURSES IN SINGAPORE

REF: A. STATE 211235 B. SINGAPORE 3772

- 1. WITH REGARD TO REFTELS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD KNOW THAT GOS ALREADY HAS AN ESTABLISHED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL COURSE, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE FROM TWO BRITISH ADVISORS. THE NEED IS FOR INSTRUCTORS TO TEACH THE COURSES RATHER THAN ADVISORS. GOS WISHES TO BEGIN COURSE FOR 30 TRAINEES WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. IT APPEARS GOS UNWILLING TO PAY AIR FARE, PER DIEM, AND TRAINING COSTS FOR THIS MANY TRAINEES TO ATTEND FAA ACADEMY.
- 2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT URGENT NEED FOR INSTRUCTORS IS DUE TO RETIREMENTS AND HIGH TURNOVER IN PERSONNEL CAUSING CRITICAL SHORTAGE IN MANPOWER FOR OPERATIONAL POSITIONS. WE HAVE NO REASON TO QUESTION LEGITIMACY OF GOS NEED AND WOULD LIKE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE.
- 3. EMBASSY HAS NOW RECEIVED LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF MATIONA DEVELOPMENT SEEKING THE ASSISTANCE OF USG "IN MAKING AVAILABLE THE SERVICES OF THREE EXPERTS IN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL (RADAR UNCLASSIFIED

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AND NON-RADAR) INSTRUCTION TO BE ATTACHED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS." ENCLOSED WITH THE LETTER ARE COLOMBO PLAN FORM ALS (APPLICATION FOR EXPERT) WHICH GIVE MORE SPECIFICS ON GOS REQUEST.

- 4. THE ABOVE LETTER IS A FORMAL REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO USG AS A MEMBER OF THE COLOMBO PLAN, GOS IS EXPLORING THIS SECOND AVENUE IN THE EVENT THAT ITS SEPARATE DIRECT REQUEST FOR US PERSONNEL (REFTEL B) DOES NOT GET RESULTS.
- 5. ACTION REQUESTED: REGARDING COLOMBO PLAN APPROACH, PLEASE ADVISE HOW EMBASSY SHOULD RESPOND AND TO WHOM APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE FORWARDED FOR CONSIDERATION. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE IF, IN VIEW OF CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED ABOVE, FAA CAN BE MORE FLEXIBLE WITH REGARD TO SENDING INSTRUCTORS TO SINGAPORE. (FYI: GOS OFFICIAL CLAIMS THAT LARGE NUMBER OF FAA PERSONNEL ARE ON LOAN TO KOREA AND IRAN.) HOLDRIDGE

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